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All its strong bonds breaking,
From the silent sleep of death,
To full life awaking;
And because our Saviour Lord
Now forever liveth,
We who love Him too shall live
In the life He giveth.

"*Jesus rose, and proved His power*
By that rising glorious.
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He came forth victorious.
And His Word shall stand for aye,—
As He ever liveth,
He unto His own beloved
Life immortal giveth.

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

Like the Stars

By Rev. Phineas B. Kennedy

Daniel 12: 3: "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

WE ALL recall the illustration of influence, that it is like casting a stone in the placid lake, which causes the circles of small waves to continue to expand till they reach the distant shores. I suppose the same is true of the waves received by the radio. Can it be that they go on and on throughout an eternity? At least, we love to sing of good influences in the words, "Kind words will never die." And what about words and deeds that were not kind?

I have often thought the most beautiful thing in this world is a Christian home. A home, even a humble home, where there is love between parents, and parents and children. Is there anything so beautiful as a sincere Christian? A heart that has love toward God and toward man. As I got in a bus the other day, while waiting to begin my journey, I found only one passenger in it—a girl. In looking for a seat, I found a silver case and, as I stood holding it, trying to decide what it was, the girl was looking at it. I said, "You may as well take this. I do not want it." As she opened it, I realized it was something used by women and I said, "My young friend, the best way to be beautiful is just to be a sincere Christian girl."

It's righteousness we all need. Christianity works from within, outward. We all need to be better than we are. If we are to help others, we must humbly pray, "Create in me a clean heart . . . Then will I teach transgressors thy ways."

"Thou must be true thyself
If thou the truth would teach,
It needs the overflowing heart,
To give the lips free speech."

An American was visiting a great cathedral in Europe and, as he sat at one side, he complained that the massive pillar hindered his seeing the preacher, and his guide replied, "We do not enter here to see him, but to see God." Would that we could be alone as we meditate on these beautiful words of the prophet and see God—see God in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who said of Himself, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

I. *Like the stars with a God-given light.* It was a good simile Daniel used. It ought to mean more to us who are living now, for we have learned more of the rapid movements and wonderful attractions of the stars. God placed the sun in the heavens to give light by day, and the moon and stars to give light by night. We know our earth is but a speck in the midst of it all; that the sun is 1,300,000 times larger than our earth; that if the sun were an empty globe, we could put the earth in the centre; and that the moon could revolve around the earth without touching the borders. Then we know that there are other suns a million times larger than our sun. And we think of the beautiful planets around our sun, Mercury, Venus, and Mars; and of those far beyond our sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Yes, millions upon millions of stars, out in the darkness.

"Ever singing, as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine."

God gives them power to shine. They shine with a borrowed light. May our risen Saviour speak to us all. "And ye shall receive power (to shine) after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

II. *Like the stars, we too must shine on in the darkness.* How dark it would be without the stars! How dark it is when the clouds of storm blacken all the heavens! How dark for an immortal soul to be shut out from heaven! When poor Judas went out to betray our Lord, the record says, "It was night." All sin leads away into the eternal night.

When Commodore Perry returned from his trip to the frigid zones of the North, he said the long periods of darkness were harder to bear than the intensity of the cold. Ah! There is so much that is dark and cold in this poor sinful lost world, but Christ came as "the Light of the world."

Let us crave the light of His blessing as we gather around His empty tomb, for He wants us to let our lights shine before men. We must meet Him in prayer and quiet Bible study, as we read the account of the first Easter morn.

III. *Like the stars, each one of us according to his or her capacity.* For "one star differeth from another star in glory." Some may be larger and some may be brighter. So the providences of our lives bring a diversity. Someone has told the story how the astronomers were looking off into the darkened space, when they discovered Neptune shining on "unknown and unsung."

"Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not. The master praises. What are men?" God has given us all some talents of influence. He holds us responsible according as we have, and not according as we have not. How we love to meditate upon the bright stars of Old Testament and New Testament history—of a Moses, of a Daniel, of a John the Baptist, or of an Apostle Paul! How we love to think of a Huss, of a Luther, of a Whitfield, or of a Brainerd! God is able to take of the weak things to confound the strong. We must humbly let the Holy Spirit supplement our inabilities by His might, for each one of us has some influence and He may help us to have more.

IV. *Like the stars, we may shine in groups.* There they are like fellow travellers.

It is a great help to have good companionship. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." There is no league in this world so strong as the league of one Christian faith and purpose. Might we not think of the varied Christian circles, both large and small, as groups that are shining together—each one encouraging the other? The church, the Sunday School, the Christian Endeavor, and our missionary groups in different nations?

V. *Like the stars, but unlike the stars.* For the stars die, but we are immortal. He that turneth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death. Christ brought immortality to light. Eternity has commenced for each personality, for Christ arose the firstfruits of all that shall rise.

When Dr. Casper Hodge was dying, his daughter came into his bedroom crying, and he said to her, "Do not weep, my daughter, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord; to be present with the Lord is to see the Lord, and to see the Lord is to be like the Lord."

It is a truth of great comfort to us all to know that, because Christ our Saviour lives, we shall live also. And the prophet here wants to encourage us to help others to trust Him as their Saviour too, for death does not end all. It is but the beginning of an unending life. "They shall shine . . . for ever and ever." But if they have no Saviour, where will they spend eternity? Let us ask Him to give us more of the attractive power of the Holy Spirit's presence, that we may lift Him up by life and by example, for has He not promised, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Not by our might nor by our power, "but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

The Prayer

By Michael Lermontoff, *a great Russian poet*

Translated by Prof. M. A. Sherbinin

In life's hour of adversity,
When hope seems to depart,
One holy prayer so wonderful
I oft repeat by heart.

There is a pow'r mysterious,
Indwelt by grace divine,
'Tis hidden in those words of prayer
And lifts this heart of mine.

The burden of assailing doubt
Away rolls from my breast,
And I can weep, I can believe,—
My soul enjoys her rest.

The Church—Its Conflict and Triumph

By Margaret M. Griffith

Arrayed For Battle

THE Church of Jesus Christ has suddenly been plunged into a mighty conflict. It is a life and death struggle between Christ's own and His enemies. Rapidly the battle lines are becoming increasingly distinct. The hosts of the Lord are on one side, the minority, together with the innumerable chariots of God, thousands of angels who are at His command (Psalm 68: 17). On the other, are the battalions of the enemy, formed into regiment after regiment, a multitude without number, a seething mass of God's creation, "Without God and without hope in the world." Satan with all his hosts of darkness heads the ranks—"for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Set Forth in Type

In a joyful yet solemn strain, the singer of Psalm 83, a marvelous paean of triumph, displays this awful combat in its minutest delineations. While Psalm 47 was written on the battle-field and Psalm 48 after the return to Jerusalem, this Psalm was written, we believe, before the battle, recounted in II Chronicles 20, anticipating the glorious victory. You notice the battle was waged against Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, by the children of Moab and Ammon beyond the sea on this side of Syria. Unlike many today, who seemingly unaware of impending danger are indifferent and at ease, he feared the outcome. Summoning the people together for prayer and fasting, this giant for God stood up in the midst of the congregation and prayed thus: "O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in Heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? And in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand Thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel and gavest it to the seed of Abraham, thy friend, forever? And they dwelt therein and have built Thee a sanctuary therein for Thy name." Jehoshaphat pleads the facts before God. "We obeyed Thee and did not turn aside to destroy our enemies. Dare they come and cast us out? We have no might against this great company." And all Judah with their wives and children, as they stood in the presence of the Lord, heard God answer—"Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Believing and praising God, they go out to meet the enemy. An overwhelming victory is theirs. Three days they are gathering the spoil—precious jewels, a rich treasure, and the fourth day finds them assembled in the valley of Berachah to bless the Lord.

The Triumph of Calvary

What does this mean for us? Our victory over all the power of the enemy has been wrought out at Calvary. Luke 10: 19; I Cor. 15: 25. The Christian must learn to appropriate all which is his in Christ, giving no place to sin nor self; then unitedly press the battle to the gates. The enemy is a usurper. He has no right to what is God's. The church must learn to insist upon his defeat (I Jno. 3: 8); (Heb. 2: 14). God is waiting for the Church to rise up in her God-given authority, and like Jehoshaphat and those with him, go out to wage an aggressive battle against the enemy, believing God and praising Him for complete triumph through the finished work of Jesus Christ and the power of His Name.

God, A Man of War

The Psalm has perhaps six divisions. It opens with the strong appeal of the Psalmist to God as a man of war. "Keep not silence, O God, hold not thy peace; be not still, O God." Why should He who is Almighty remain silent and inactive when His people are in danger, thus allowing His enemies apparent victory? Well might we in the Name of Jesus Christ appeal to God to arise from His throne to battle for us in the Church, His own body, for have not events gone beyond the control of man? Psa. 68.

The Issue of the Conflict

In verses 2 to 5, the battle-lines are drawn. The enemies of Judah and of Judah's God are on one front. Well it is for the Church when she realizes her cause is God's cause, her enemies are God's enemies, a conspiracy against the "hidden ones" is a plot against God Himself. As Calvin says, "The welfare of the people, whom He has taken under His protection, cannot be assailed without an injury done to His majesty." We shall look into the characterstics of the enemy.

Features of the Enemy

The enemies of Jehoshaphat have their counterpart in our day. "Lo! thine enemies make a tumult." The headlines of newspapers send out a deafening cry of war, famine, depression, murder, and suicide. "Repeal prohibition," "Give us an open Sunday," "Overthrow capitalism," are slogans continually flaunted in the face of the Christian. Comforting indeed is it to know that history and the Word corroborate the fact that the uproar and agitation of the enemy increases with the knowledge of impending defeat. It is then in self-defense, that the enemy would "lift up her head" and appear most arrogant, thus simulating confidence and triumph. Unregenerate hearts, filled with hatred, "have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones." Their numbers are vast, their rancor terrible, and their malice diabolical. "They are confederate; they have consulted with one consent," the meaning here is with one heart, cordially, with one accord. The working of the enemy is ever in secret with subtlety. They shoot in secret suddenly at the perfect; they encourage themselves in an evil matter; they accomplish a diligent search, the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. Psalm 64. The outlook is dark. Our eyes should be on Jesus Christ, remembering the greater the battle, the more glorious the triumph through Him.

The Plot Against God in Russia

We think of vast combines formed in our day, some with secret, others with open plottings, against the "hidden ones." From "Izvestia" we learn the new five-year plan of the Stalin régime has as its object, above all else, the struggle against religion. Antireligious museums are to be opened, godless schools erected, newspapers hostile to religion are to be distributed, and picture films inimical to faith in Christ will be presented. In brief, as Professor I. V. Neprash says, "Up until 1928, the Soviet régime fought religion; from 1928 until the present, they purposed to exterminate all religion; and the second five-year plan aims, beyond a doubt, to complete this task."

Advance at Great Cost

An open letter in the *Daily Express* (we are quoting from a German Magazine, *Dein Reich Komme*) to Jagoda, a Commissar of the G. P. U. and a member of the Bolshevistic party, says, "Do we lie when we say that 200,000 prisoners, most of them engineers, lawyers, priests, and others from the former 'intelligentsia,' must now perform forced labor on a canal by the White Sea? Is it a lie that 35,000 Kulak families were exiled in the winter of 1929, taken from the Ukraine into the cold polar regions? There, because of lack of food and clothing, thousands of them died of typhus. Is it a lie that all the towns in the North of Russia, as Hibimagorak, Kondolatska, Newastroh, and Murmausk were built by forced labor? Is a lie that at this time mothers are deprived of their bread cards, so that children over eight months can no longer nurse, and that workers in the great industrial centers must live on potatoes and brown bread only? Is it a lie that old women have been arrested to divest them of their last diamonds or jewelry, because the Soviet régime needed gold? Is it a lie that all foreigners are secretly watched by the G. P. U., that our letters are censored, and all telephone messages intercepted? Finally, is it a lie that during the terrors of 1930 and 1931 so much blood was spilt that your own friends were embittered?" The enemies of Israel cried, "Let us cut them off from being a nation—let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession," and we note that history repeats itself. In spite of the fact that there has been a return to the seven-day week, because of the protests of the peasants, it is a fact that the Church of Christ in Russia is being persecuted far more rigorously than heretofore. No Bibles, no tracts, and even no letters with a religious content are permitted to cross the border of Soviet Russia.

Who Is On the Lord's Side?

What a contrast the "hidden ones" present. The expression does not mean unknown or obscure, rather hid as His treasure. "Your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). "Hide me under the shadow of thy wings"(Psa.17: 8). "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion" (Psa. 27:5). One translator puts it "favorite ones," "treasured ones;" Jebb makes it "secret ones." God would have His hidden ones believe that all plots formed against the church were defeated at Calvary. The infinite knowledge and wisdom of God can soon subvert any schemes of man or devil. The church need not fear wily politicians, nor great federations, whether religious or secular.

Where are His own hidden? In His very heart and being; in His every perfection. "Every part of His Word are chambers where the humble find refuge." Their best acts may be misjudged, their best qualities misnamed, yet they are secretly nourished with meat of which the world knows not. The peace of God keeps the mind. The heart is fixed and rejoices in the Lord. The "hidden ones" "have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (II Cor. 4: 2). What a contrast with the wicked, the thought of whose heart is only evil continually (Gen. 6: 5). Briefly, let us notice the personnel in the line-up of the enemy—this ancient enemy of Israel. Note, first of all, there were ten nations, speaking different languages, and worshiping different gods, and yet they were confederate. All who before were envious and jealous became friends now, as did Pilate and Herod forget their animosities before the greater hatred of Christ, their common foe.

Nations Against God

The tabernacles of Edom (red), descendants of Esau, and dwellers in caves, idolaters—head this list of rebels; the Ishmaelites, descendants of Hagar, the bondwoman, from whom we have today the Arab or Mohammedans; Moab, the son of Lot's eldest daughter; the Hagarenes from Hagar; Gebel (mount) a seaport near Tyre; Ammon (mountaineers), the son of Lot; Amalek (dweller in a valley), grandson of Esau; Philistines (immigrants); Tyre and her inhabitants now a rock where fishers dry their nets; Assur, the son of Shem; and the children of Lot—all unregenerate, horrible types of the man of the earth, complete the catalogue of these enemies of God. The Psalmist now makes a definite prayer to God for help and victory. No mercy could be expected from this foe; no succour from within; the *only resources were in God.* The church too has often been in case of being crushed, had not God intervened. "Do unto them as unto the Midianites" (strife)—the meaning of the names is most significant. We recall that under God, Gideon and his three hundred overwhelmingly defeated them. As to Sisera (battle array)—Deborah and Barak routed his forces; as to Jabin, we remember Jael drove a spike through his temples as he entered her tent. Oreb (raven) and Zeeb (wolf) were two princes under Midian, who with Zebah and Zolmunna also fell under Gideon.

The Warfare of the Church

Many in the church today do not care to hear of disaster, or crisis, or threatening revolution. And why not? Because they do not realize that the enemy has been defeated at Calvary and have never entered into their possession. The mighty weapons of God at our disposal lie unused in too many instances.

What is the practical way of victory, as taught in this Psalm, to be wrought out by prayer? Only tested and tried ones can pray effectively. Only those who have yielded all to God, to be broken and refined, can qualify for God's army. Only those who rejoice in the Lord, when the trial is on, who praise God the more, the hotter the fire, can hope to be on the victor's side. Only victors can enlist. Is not this the explanation for the darkness which is upon us?

In II Corinthians 4: 6, 7 we read, "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in *earthen vessels.*" How frail and fragile is the earthen vessel—one translator puts it "fragile vessels of clay," another "earthen jars," and yet the glory is within. In God's wisdom, only the broken vessel can truly manifest Christ's glory—"That the excellency of the power may be of

God and not of us." Are you willing for the breaking? Can you shout the victory in the midst of the trouble? Only with Christ is this possible. The Cross will sweeten the bitter waters, turning sorrow into joy; burdens take wings and fly away when Christ comes in His fulness. All loss is gain in the light of the glory in His dear face.

Oh! that the discouraged, the faint-hearted, the weary, the worldly, the wavering, the lame, the halt, and the blind in the churches of our land might know their Lord in this hour of man's extremity and God's opportunity. Is there no clarion voice to call them together to prepare the way of the Lord? Will they not awaken and rouse, enter into the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as one, though few in number,—foolish, weak, and despised, shout the victory of our Lord in aggressive prayer over the enemy. The Psalmist prayed: Make them like a wheel—thistle down; as stubble before the wind, as fire burneth a wood—send thy storm and thy tempest upon them. And why? That they may seek thy name, O Lord! The perishing, the perishing! Who will go win them? For they will be confounded and troubled forever, if not rescued.

Will you be one to believe for a great manifestation of God's power in your church, in your community, and give yourself to God for this gathering of his hidden ones together for prayer first, then action? Will you be one to share first the suffering, willing to pay the price, no matter what the cost, that God may be glorified in Christ; will you be one to praise God for victory, yes, shout triumphantly in the Name of the Lord as you march forth to battle?

Then let us send up, in united intercession, the prayer of this Psalm—"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, are the Most High over all the earth."

FOLLOW ME

By C. Marvakoff

THE daily experience in the work of the Lord is that I may hear the voice, which calls in all phases of life "follow me!" The present conditions of life are deplorable. The crisis is intense, not only in material things, but morally and spiritually, as well, and that makes the work hard for the minister of the gospel. But the Word of God will break through rocks and stones, and shall prosper in that whereunto it is sent.

At present, we have about fifty members in our congregation. We see new visitors at every service.

The work among the Pomaks has begun well and has good prospects. I am visiting villages with the Word, example, and Christian acts. I want to show and help the people to know the salvation in Christ.

The question is, "Has the work been successful or not?" When we compute with man's power or with human wisdom, it is impossible to answer. But when we look to God and His power and wisdom, the work will bring forth its fruit.

During eighteen months, with the help of God, I visited 25 villages, some only once, some twice, and others from 20 to 30 times. The people are acquainted with the work of our Lord, and have the opportunity to reflect upon the gospel messages, until they will hear His call, "Follow Me."

C. Marvakoff

PRAYER HOUSE AT LYSKOW

By Prof. I. V. Neprash

ALTHOUGH not officially connected with the American European Fellowship, I made it my duty, during my recent trip to Europe, to do my best in furthering the work the Lord has entrusted to this Society and its workers.

Everywhere on the field where I had opportunity to visit, the missionaries of the Fellowship enjoyed full companionship with the rest of the workers. Their impartiality and willingness to cooperate in advancing the work which already exists there, brought good fruit and created confidence among the different workers.

The difficulties with which the workers were battling were of another nature. Chiefest among them was how to respond to the many requests for help. The problem of space in meeting places was and is one of the biggest ones It may be difficult for us, in this country, to picture the situation over there, while we here enjoy palatial church buildings, comfortable seats, well-ventilated halls. Over there the congregation assembles in a small hall, very often a living room in some private home, with only a few seats, no air, the people perspiring and tired, the late-comers standing outside around the windows. Others do not come, knowing there will be no place to stand.

Such were the conditions under which Brother D. Prystupa had to work in Lyskow and vicinity, in Poland. The Russians there are very hungry for the truth. The situation brought them to their knees, and also to the decision to start building a meeting place by faith. This they did.

An appeal was published about this work in The Harvest Field in the April, 1931 issue. It was a real burden to me and to them—no money, and the building was imminently necessary. The Lord opened a way, and $150.00 was received on the condition that they return that amount in a short time, so that it could be used to help another church build their meeting place. With great joy and zeal the men, including the pastor himself, rolled up their sleeves and with God's help, the prayer house is ready.

One can imagine the first thanksgiving service on that bare dirt floor, but covered by a roof and protected by the door and the window—the most important parts. It was prayerfully consecrated to the Lord and His work as a "molitwenny dom" (prayer house). Thank God!

Now the burden of a debt, $150.00 and 500 Zloty (Polish money), is not only upon their shoulders, but also upon their hearts. The church is willing to take care, in time, of the 500 Zloty, but the $150.00 must come from the outside. If there is a depression in America, the people over there are passing through a real crisis when even daily bread is lacking.

What a joy it was to learn, the other day, that $80.00 came in response to the appeal. $70.00 more is needed to roll the burden off the hearts of those dear people, and to see that these $150.00 be used in the coming spring for building another prayer house at another needy field. May God grant it for His glory and the salvation of many souls.

MINISTRY IN ROUMANIA

By I. Schnapp

JUST a few lines to let you know of my activities in the Lord's vineyard. At the beginning of this new year, I am deeply grateful to our Saviour for His mercy, which He has vouchsafed unto me, in letting me spread the Gospel among Jews and others also. I have, by His grace, been able to interest many circles of this town, who had never heard the "glad tidings." Many of them are now earnest readers of the Gospel. Through the regular distribution of many tracts on the market places and squares, and through personal testimony, as well as several very well attended meetings, I can feel the very near presence of the Lord. Among the intellectual circles I have found particular interest. Many of them came to meetings, among them professors, judges, lawyers, and others. May the Lord in His infinite mercy speak to these seeking souls. Please pray for the Lord's work here, as well as for me.

From D. Ewke:—

Praise the Lord who answers prayer! I received recently through Pastor Hogg the sum of $25.00 for printing literature. The first 1000 booklets on the subject, "The Brain and the Gospel," are now ready. I shall thus be able to reach more people. The circle of readers is vaster than the hearers.

Notes on Albania

By Phineas B. Kennedy

PEACOCK tells us in his book, "Albania, the Foundling State of Europe," that the Albanians are the original owners of the Balkans. Professor Max Muller says they are descended from the Pelosgic race, which antedated both the Greek and the Roman. We know they have occupied the Balkan peninsula for many centuries and have been driven back into their present mountain fastnesses by the inroads of Bulgars, Serbs, Goths, Romans, Turks, and Venetians. Probably Alexander the Great was really an Albanian, and Pyrrhus accepted that title during his life. They have always been a military people, and their country was kept as a military training ground by the Turks.

Let us pray that they may come to accept Jesus Christ as the Captain of their salvation and be good soldiers for Him. We regard our school work in connection with our evangelical mission work in Albania as one good way to uphold the gospel, as we open our sessions with prayer and teach the Bible in graded lessons in all of our classes on Tuesdays and Fridays, as well as in connection with our Sabbath-School on Sundays, and we maintain our preaching on the Lord's Day and outside evangelistic services. Mrs. Kennedy writes us, "Just now the question of foreign elementary schools is being agitated in parliament. Many of us are praying that God's will may be made clear to us. Our services are being well attended.

"We need to pray for three of our school children who were seriously injured in a toboggan accident. The other day Mr. Jacques made a toboggan. On Friday afternoon, February 24th, the boys and Mr. Kosova were on the hill after 3.30 with Mr. and Mrs. Jacques. Mr. Jacques had taught them how to coast. There are so many ravines about the hill, as I understand the matter, that it was not easy to find good coasting. Mr. Jacques had told the boys that a certain time after the start, they would have to jump off at one side of the sled, and by holding on to the rope, would be able to turn it off to one side and stop it.

"On Saturday it was decided that two girls, Zoitza and Athina could go with Mr. and Mrs. Jacques and the boys, Petrit and Dalip (Mohammedan boys), came with Mr. Kosova and others. These two boys got up on the hill and begged to get on. Mr. Jacques instructed Athina to tell them that at a certain place they were to jump off or roll off into the snow and pull on the rope, so as to stop the toboggan. She told me yesterday, when I asked her about it, that she had not told the boys, that she had not understood.

"In front of the toboggan was Petrit, behind him Dalip, then Athina and back of the three, Mr. Jacques, to steer. He called to them to jump off, but to his dismay, they stayed right on. He jumped off and pulled so hard on the rope to turn the toboggan that it broke, and some of the splinters of the boards protruded in such a way as to cut the chins of the two boys as all three children dashed down into the ravine. When lifted up, they seemed unconscious. The first thing was to carry the children to the barn near our boys' building. The other boys hurried down to call the doctor.

"The shepherd was sent down posthaste for bandages, cotton, etc., from the drug store. Mrs. Plumbi and Tilka went up and I followed quickly in an auto, and not being able to reach the top on account of the snow, sent a horse with sheets. Meanwhile, the doctor had improvised three stretchers, and the procession was descending the hill. When Mr. Jacques found I was thinking of having the injured children taken to the State Hospital, he said very decidedly that he wished the same doctor who had treated them on the hill to continue care of them. So we turned towards Dr. Polena's clinics, very fine ones in every way. X-rays were taken, and it was found that Dalip had two fractures in his left leg, one below and one above the knee, also a gash under his chin. Above the knee the bone had come out of the flesh and had to be put back carefully. The whole leg was put in plaster. Stitches were taken in the children's jaws. Athina's ankle was injured. Petrit had no ribs broken, we were thankful to learn. Let us all keep praying that this accident may be overruled for God's glory, and that the children may soon be recovered in health."

During my speaking here in New England, I

have been privileged to speak in the home churches of Rev. and Mrs. Jacques, and during the months of February and March have spoken in two Albanian churches, one Methodist, one Presbyterian, six Union, seven Baptist, and one Congregational. In some the voluntary offering has not more than met my expenses, but we are grateful to God if we may enable Mrs. Kennedy and Rev. and Mrs. Jacques to keep the dear Mission's educational and evangelistic work open. Our work continues to be entirely dependent on voluntary gifts.

TRACT MINISTRY

By Fred Stettler

WE RECEIVED your letter referring to the letter of Mr. Sasiadek, and his request for Christian tracts. Thank you! We are sending today about twenty smaller tracts and illustrated gospel messengers and a larger gospel pamphlet to his address. You have in the past sent us, I believe, a request of a similar sort for the same address. At that time we sent quite a number of the best tracts, and even Christian stories that show the way of salvation plainly. We have never received an answer from the recipient. This time we shall register the literature to be sure that they get the gospel. It is touching how this poor sick man encloses one dollar for the literature.

We have ever so many statements of some of the foremost Christian leaders in Poland regarding the literature, and we are in very great perplexity, meeting the demands. We have for the past months sent letters to nearly all our friends, telling them of the necessity and importance of this work, but have thus far received hardly any help, except their assurance of prayer and their good-will. We are well aware of the economic conditions of our day and yet we cannot possibly reduce the oral and written testimony. It has nothing to do with just educational or even with edifying literature, how important that may be, but is purely evangelistic. We are indebted to give this testimony to the world. For several months it has been impossible to print any new tracts. We usually had a stock of tracts of about 100,000 to comply with the ever increasing demand. At the present, you could hold all the tracts we have, in one of your hands. Daily, one and up to five requests come in, and we cannot supply those who would pay for them. We are the only larger tract agency in all Poland. Outside of private printing of very small quantities, there is not one single agency known to me. We had to write to many of the Christian workers that the desired literature was out of print and that funds for literature were not on hand to carry on the work. I have gathered elders and important men of churches here to get them behind this work. They have promised to get behind the work, and undoubtedly by and by they will get in line to do something, but week after week is passing, and the need is almost so great that it cannot grow any more. "Pressed out of all measures," I have now ordered perhaps 50,000 tracts to cover the most important ground. We do not have funds for this purpose. We are still indebted for former bills, and our personal income is the only source that we usually must fall back on. Perhaps the Fellowship could do something for our tract fund. We should be very thankful to them.

MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

AT OUR last Day of Prayer, we especially prayed for the cause in Europe and for the work of the American-European Fellowship. Our leader read to us the leaflet on prayer by Pastor O. R. Palmer. It is most illuminating on the victory which is ours in Christ, and how we may focus our prayer against the adversary and his work in the Name of Christ until he must fall back. I have shared it with my friends.

From Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh comes this word:—

We have no striking report, but we praise the Lord for some results of seed-sowing. The interest and attendance is growing, especially among the children. New ones are coming every Sunday and they would gladly keep on coming if they were not forbidden by the priests. Thank God for those who come through victorious.

(Their faithful tract work, outdoor meetings, and the itinerary mission work goes on as usual, and they desire our earnest prayers, and also some words of encouragement and cheer by letter.)

OPPOSITION AND BLESSING

By Ivan Moriakoff

UNBELIEVERS are struggling against my evangelical work. Sometime ago, a man put up bills inviting people to our meetings, for which I did not arrange. In this way, he wished to show that we were deceptive. People came from several villages and we had no meetings. However, in spite of this, the people became more interested in our evangelical work. I always testify to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this my wife helps me. At one time I was inspired to preach for three hours, and the people listened attentively.

The small village houses are very limited, because they are filled to capacity and the door is very often opened to let fresh air in. Our new converts sing and testify, and people are stirred. I do not have as many questions from my audience as I had before. In some cases, peasants leave their work in order to listen to our sermons. Recently, an unbeliever challenged me, in a meeting, but my friends energetically defended me to such an extent that it was necessary to stop them. I try to admonish them in Christ's love, as we are messengers of peace. Some sects are opposing our work, but we are striving for the pure truth.

Ivan Moriakoff

LATER WORD FROM MRS. KENNEDY

Athina returned to the school yesterday. Her leg is in plaster, and Petrit is beginning to heal up slowly and he will soon be back; but our anxiety is especially over Dalip with that wound above his knee, in the thigh. Today Mr. Kosova said that he saw it when the doctor was dressing it and it looked somewhat infected. He has a temperature, too.

Christian Endeavor is over. Some good thoughts were brought out by the girls. I am especially pleased with Irene Bozharo, sister of Pavlina, who graduated last June from the Kyrios school.

Mr. Kosova will start the hot beds with vegetable seeds. We have planted more fruit trees. Lambs are to be bought.

Mr. Jacques is trying to use Albanian whe he can. Mrs. Jacques feels more timid. I am so glad every one thinks so much of them. There were many young men out this A. M. at the services. Glad they have heard what Mr. Jacques had to tell them about the rich young ruler. Among the regular attendants at our service, including the 5 o'clock meeting, is Mr. Kretari gjygit (judge) of Kortcha, Vasil Mantcho. He is a very attentive listener. His wife also attends.

While Mussolini is forming his concert of the great powers, and a "torrent of peace talk seems to act like chloroform, the whole world arms, while the whole world sleeps." "There are 10,000,000 more trained soldiers today than there were in 1914 and weapons of destruction five times more shattering. Consummation of the Kellogg-Briand war renunciation treaty finds western Europe, with the exception of Germany, more heavily armed than in 1913.

From Dr. Martcinkovsky:—

My itinerary includes Germany, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland. The meetings here in Germany are very well attended—often over 1000 people. The same was true in Poland. My wife is also lecturing. "Sunday School Work," "The Bible and Excavations," "Christian Education" are among her subjects.

Opportunities in Czechoslovakia

By Charles Lukesh

WE WOULD be so thankful if we could keep up the tract work to the present extent, at least, for the times make it so much more necessary. Herewith permit me, please, to present some recent responses. They, of course, do not show, by far, the extent of the work as a whole. For instance, we have been a whole year now in communication with a Sabbatist elder, and many lengthy letters were exchanged, before he was willing to see the error of that teaching. Now he shows willingness to help in our work, after having taken the steps necessary to be freed from the bondage of the law. Thus we praise the Lord that even that work was not in vain. We are only sorry that we cannot follow up so closely all the inquiries, since it is beyond our strength.

Recently I had a reply from a colporteur whom I had asked to look up a number of addresses in a larger town, to which we have been sending our tracts for some time. He writes about a lady that rejoices in the messages contained in the tracts. Another, a director of a large concern, a Roman Catholic, is yearning after the truth. Mr. B. said they have no particular desire for the tracts, but since they are coming to them free, they read them. Thus we hope that some message may arouse them. Some others he has not been able to visit yet, but he sends the address of a blind invalid of the war, whose wife is zealous in distributing tracts, so that we might send her some.

From the readers at large, O. H. acknowledges the receipt of the bimonthly, *Our Glorious Hope*, with enclosures, and wishes, if possible, that it be sent to others. V. A. sends fifteen cents for postage, and the postmaster V. B., sixty cents for further literature. Postmistress M. S. asks the prices of Bibles. Post employeee V. R. reports not having bought the Bible yet, because he wants to save more for a larger one and in better binding, so as to have the "fountain of living water" for his whole life. In the meantime, he has some Gospels which we sent him free.

Z. V. writes that he found our paper on the street, took it home, and in reading it, found much good and was uplifted. He says, "I do not hesitate to admit that I seek the truth, but can find it nowhere.

Charles Lukesh

I find in your *Glorious Hope* that you are willing to answer inquiries concerning salvation, and am asking, therefore, for information. You also state that you furnish the Bible free to the poor. I have been half a year without work, and have no hope for any and must care for my family of six. I would like to read the Bible in these hard times, if it would give me uplift and courage for further struggle." He promised to read it. We sent him a Gospel with instruction about reading, and if it is followed rightly, we will send further portions. Experience shows this to be the best procedure.

Our friends near Bremen, Germany, report the giving out of all tracts sent, and some incidents connected therewith. From there also comes a father's request for a Bible for his little girl. We sent a New Testament.

K. F. writes about receiving our tracts for some time, and feels obligated for them, but because of unemployment is unable to send anything. He sends thanks especially for the "Way of Truth," Number 62, which touched his heart and helped to free him from the bondage of some habit, to which he was still enslaved. He does not name it. The tract dealt with drink, tobacco, and dancing. Its picture of a snake, preserved in a bottle of alcohol, is quite striking.

Our eight gospel services weekly, and three children's services do not let us go on extensive tours of propagation. Nevertheless, our visits are worth while, as a letter received yesterday shows. One, yearning for a spiritual uplift in his own town, sent in thirty-two addresses and promised more, that these striking messages contained in our *Glorious Hope* might be sent to his fellow citizens, and help to arouse them to a real life. It would be great to be able to visit such places oftener, but it is physically impossible. During the winter the snow makes the use of bicycles impractical, and when the weather changes, the calls are so many that our visits are very limited. Besides, it is hard on Mrs. Lukesh. She has bravely stood the hard trips, but her heart has suffered greatly and it would not be right for her to continue. It is a scramble to get out, hold a few meetings, and rush back to get to the town work in time. I cannot describe it more graphically, just the bare facts. Please do remember us in prayer for strength and enabling grace while it is day, before the night comes, when no man shall work. We would gladly be separated to be able to serve at various places at once, but that cannot be. The more the work is pressing, the more we see the need of watching out for hirelings, who have not the real cause at heart.

By John Gordiuk

I THANK the dear American-European Fellowship family for their work of faith and labor of love which they have shown in the supporting of the Lord's work here. May the dear Lord reward them an hundredfold! Our dependence must be upon Him, for He is our faithful High Priest, ever living to make intercession for us. He never forgets His own, who are in the world, but how often we forget Him! May we be satisfied to know that it is all His work.

Everything in this world is so confused today, with so little thought of heavenly things, that we need to be reminded to "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: 10). The Lord knoweth His own and is still engaged in bringing many sons unto glory, and even in the world, which knoweth Him not, all things are being fulfilled as He has purposed and has declared in His Holy Word. "His loving kindness is better than life."

I greet you and all co-workers on the Lord's field in His precious Name. May He bless you all!

Germantown Prayer Group:—

We are happy to report a wonderful day of prayer in Germantown. Mr. Howard of the *Sunday School Times* and Mr. Isaac Page brought spirit-filled messages, and a volume of prayer ascended. Many churches were represented. We praise the Lord that there were fourteen churches represented at the Bible Class in Germantown, which is an outgrowth of the day of prayer, and is being taught at present by Dr. Walter Erdman. We invite all the readers of the Magazine and prayer helpers to join us at the Throne of Grace on our next day of prayer, April 12.

The Reader's Digest states that 60,000,000 children under the age of 17 have been trained in some form of military drill in Soviet Russia. There is not a factory that does not have its military corner nor a village which does not have its defense-house. In 1930 a quarter million women were drilled in warfare.

AT WORK IN LATVIA

By Arthur J. Bluhm

I HAVE your letters, and I thank you so much for your kindness in sending me The Harvest Field. I love this magazine with its fine spiritual articles, and it cheers my heart to hear of fellow-workers on the firing-line.

I count it a privilege to pray for you and for the entire work of the American European Fellowship. There hardly passes a day that I do not remember you and your needs before the throne of grace, and I am quite sure that He will not forsake you, but that He will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Only yesterday I returned home from a long trip by railroad and on horseback. I visited a number of farms and villages in the district surrounding Libau, bringing to the people in the country the "good tidings of great joy," which God promised to all people, Luke 2: 10. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16). In some places I found farmers who gave their largest and best rooms unto the Lord, that people might gather there and worship God.

Everywhere I held a meeting, the room was very crowded and the audience listened eagerly to the message. In almost every place the people earnestly begged me to visit them more frequently. In one place a few believers have built a house of prayer with perhaps two hundred seats made of rough planks. There I held three meetings, one on Saturday night and two on Sunday. People who live on small farms either walked or came in wagons from a distance of five to ten miles. By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, many sinners found rest at the foot of the cross of Christ, believers were strengthened, and backsliders restored.

I spent one night on the farm of a godly man, five miles away, and the next night I was taken to another place. This was a large farm six miles distant, which belongs to the State. The wife of this farmer taught Sunday School there for the children of the poor laborers, and I was so glad, indeed, to get the whole crowd together, young and old, in order to give them the Gospel.

A very poor laborer, who lives with his wife and family in a single room and kitchen, moved his beds into the kitchen and brought in benches to sit on. Very soon his room became a meeting hall, packed full by children and grown-ups, even the kitchen was crowded. After the children greeted me with "Yes, Jesus loves me," and another hymn, I taught them some wonderful choruses, and gave them a lesson on the love of Jesus. Then, by His grace, I gave a message to the adults on Psalm 103, which made the saints glad and the sinners sad. Yet, after the meeting, some sinners found rest in the Lord Jesus Christ and became very happy. Unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us be the glory!

Arthur J. Bluhm and Family

In some places the people are glad to pay the expenses of the trip, but there are those who are too poor. The hunger for the gospel is great, especially in the country, and it would be necessary for me and others to go from one place to another, without ceasing. People so thankfully receive Gospels and tracts. It would be well to have funds for fare and tracts. Please pray that God will supply that need.

Now the Lord has put on hearts to have a week of special meetings for Christians, so God's people gather twice a day for most earnest prayer, and every night there is a large gospel meeting. People come together from far and wide to be strengthened in faith and Christian life. Satan's opposition is strong, but we trust in the Lord who gives us the victory. The Lord has already poured out great blessings in these days.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Translated from the Russian
By A. Dobrinin

MR. DOBRININ has received several letters from Russia, excerpts of which we will give here.

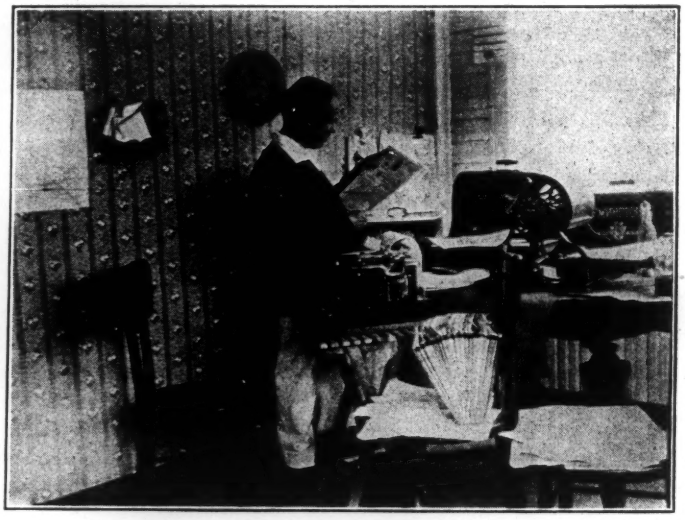
A. "In the persecution which believers are experiencing in Russia, it becomes evident who surrendered his life to the Lord completely and fearlessly confessed Christianity, and who followed the gospel only according to the flesh. We are convinced that the same persecution of the faith which prevails in Russia will spread throughout many nations.

"The godless in Russia promise twenty dollars and forty pounds of flour to any Christian who will betray a faithful brother who is careful to hide his identity as a follower of Christ. The full power of Satan is now seen in Russia, blaspheming God and tormenting His children in every possible way. How long will this terror continue? The godless threaten that they will rule the whole world in the same manner. God forbid! Our people are awaiting war, or some other outcome.

"We returned to our home, but it was destroyed. Our mill is still safe, although the government has taken it over as state property. New houses are pulled down and the material taken for new buildings. Owners are driven out of their homes —some return, only to be driven out again. How can one express the grief of the people? In Moscow, in January, tens and tens of thousands of laborers were dismissed, and now they are starving. There are no clothes or shoes. Doors must always be locked, or starving people will take possession and refuse to leave. Workers in factories do not dare to mention that they are ill, because they will immediately be deprived of their bread card. People are in a state of fear and trembling day and night."

B. "At present, circumstances in Moscow remind one of 1920. One cannot get even a sheet of paper and an envelope to write a letter. Government stores are empty, but whiskey (43 per cent) is to be had and a bottle of it costs about three dollars. Whiskey is ready for one from seven o'clock in the morning till twelve at night. One cannot get matches, and they are sold on the streets by boys as prohibited goods.

"In fashionable restaurants everything can be had. Dinner with a bottle of beer costs about twenty dollars. The Christmas and New Year holidays were very sorrowful, indeed, in Russia. We had no food, which is sold only for gold and dollars, which we Russians do not have. Crowds of unemployed are banished from the cities, and, of course, their bread cards are taken from them. However, they do not wish to leave the cities, because it is absolutely impossible to find any means of livelihood in the provinces. It is dangerous



Mr. Dobrinin at Work

to be on the streets late at night, for even in the center of the city one will be robbed completely and beaten—sometimes killed. Recently there was issued a new decree that in Soviet Russia there should be no unemployed—that there was no place for them in Moscow. People who come to Moscow from distant provinces call this city a paradise, in comparison with the rest of Russia.

"There are no bread cards in Siberia. People are compelled to buy food in the public markets and prices are exorbitant."

C. "In the central cities of Russia, believers gather secretly, ten to fifteen in each group, in order to read the Bible and to pray. As a result of these meetings, many Christians are caught and banished. Others are dismissed from their employment only because they would not deny their God. God's people are in the midst of a testing furnace here, and only God Himself, standing in this terrible place, helps them."

D. "There is a great interest in God's Word in Russia. A certain worker, noticing a crowd, began to preach about God. The people listened very intently. The preacher asked whether they would wish to listen to the reading of the Bible, and they replied that they would. There were also a few Jews amongst the group. After that, some of the listeners endeavored to find a suitable place for Christian meetings. In spite of severe persecution, there are brethren who bravely spread the glad tidings of salvation among unbelievers. It is evident that the Russian nation is now thirsting for God's Word. A deep prayerful life still exists in the Christian congregation."

E. "You sent me a package containing food, but as yet I have not received it. It is a great pity that remittances are so slow in reaching us. The Lord blessed the harvest, but unbelievers ruined everything. Sick children are in dire need of food, which we are unable to supply. We are always longing for something to eat."

F. "For three years I have not had my own home, and I am wandering from house to house. I think that I soon shall be taken home to be with the Lord. Will you not help me in my distress? Starvation is terrible."

The following are a few lines taken from letters which Mr. Dobrinin has received from needy Christians in Baltic countries, to whom he has sent remittances from the Fellowship.

T. P. P. writes: "I hasten to bring to you hearty thanks for your help which I unexpectedly received. May the Lord reward you. We bought two nets for this money, and now my boys will be able to fish. We live at the seashore, and this will give us food and perhaps some money."

M. P. writes: "Praise be to our wonderful Lord for His mercy in sending me help through you. You are like the angel who fed Elijah in the desert. The Lord bless you according to Matthew 25: 34-40. When I received your money, I had just come home after having been in the hospital. I found the house empty—no food and no money, and for four days I ate only potatoes. We tried to get credit in the store, but were refused. At that time we received your support. I accept all trials humbly, because God does everything for our good."

A United Petition for "Vernost"

This letter comes from several believers in Kovalsky district, Poland: "Fate has thrust us Russian refugees into this strange land. We live in the Polesky woods. We occasionally received the wonderful magazine, *Vernost* (faithfulness), which some one brought to us. We urgently ask you to send us this paper regularly. Please supply us with one copy of the Bible, which will serve for our group." Signed, E. Mikcharuk, P. Petrovsky, D. Forminof, N. Zukovsky, T. Nikolishin, P. Valigursky.

EXTRACT OF LETTER ABOUT PRESENT CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA

". . . I am so grieved to tell you that the lot of our dear ones in Russia is unspeakably sad. My dear old father- and mother-in-law had to leave their little house again—only two rooms—which my sister and her husband had built for themselves. You remember the former, do you not? She worked as a voluntary helper in Oberleschen (we have a Children's Home there!) for a year, and then she and I visited Friedenshort. This wee cottage was built of self-made clay-bricks, and they were only allowed to occupy it for one winter, before being banished to Siberia without any reason being given. In the meantime they had taken our parents into these two rooms with two more relatives. But it was not long before they were all banished—only after two or three days to be sent back again! They have been living in

this house under the most bitter privations since May 1930, and yet God has carried them through wonderfully and kept them alive. Our old father tried to earn a living for himself and his family at the joiner's bench, and my youngest sister-in-law of 15 years, went to the resident officials to do the washing.

"We did all we could to alleviate their sufferings by sending them parcels of provisions—and were so grateful that it was possible to do this—until about a fortnight ago we received the heart-rending news that they had again been driven out of their house and were now located in a cellar, formerly used as a pen for poultry. There they are—without heat and without food. This news has upset us greatly.

"We sent them money at once. Last week we had a letter to say that my sister-in-law is laid up with typhoid, and that mother had had a stroke. An aunt of ours (mother of 11 children) had escaped from prison, and, with one of her sons, had also taken refuge in the cellar—so grateful to God for her wonderful deliverance. The guard had fallen asleep, which gave her a chance to escape, and she had covered a distance of about twenty miles before reaching her people. Of course, this cellar was never intended to house six people. There was room for about 30 fowl. It is four metres long and two metres wide, so you can imagine how closely they are packed. The great need, distress, lack of nourishment, and all the privations have made them all ill, and yet praise and thanksgiving ring through the letters written in this cellar. 'For,' as dear father says, 'after all we have a dwelling place, even if it is a cellar'."

"In that week a perfect war was raging at this place. The soviets drove many families out of their homes and used them for their own people—and the winter coming on! Our hearts had not quieted down at the thought of all the misery of our dear ones, when another cry of distress came: 'Never have we been in such need as now. Not only have we not a farthing of money, but there is nothing to be had in this place. If you can, in any way, rescue us from death by starvation, then do it, for God's sake. We have only enough of the rice left, which you sent us, to make some soup twice, and what then? Our little one-year-old Lenchen cries for lack of food. Up to the present she could always have one glass of milk daily, but now we cannot get any more.' And the pound of bread that they used to get daily for a family of seven, is now given to them only every other day. My sister writes that her heart nearly breaks when she sees the pleading eyes of her little one. Again and again the older children keep asking: 'Mother, when shall we have enough to be really satisfied?' That makes a mother's heart bleed!

"When the pain from hunger becomes too acute, they drink a kind of tea made of roots and leaves which satisfies for just a few minutes, only to make the craving for food much more intense. Since May 1930, they have never once had enough to be really satisfied. It is not possbile to get any fat or oil.

"The men stand in icy swamps, felling 27 trees daily. My eldest nephew, 11 years old, is in charge of a group of 9 boys, and each boy must fell 10 birch trees daily. Another nephew also has a group of 9 boys to supervise. These have the task of chopping off the branches of the trees felled by the first group. The old women bind the branches into bundles for fodder for the officials' cattle. The children often sink in the snow-mire up to their armpits. It is a marshy district where the snow and ice never quite melts, even in summer, and last winter the thermometer went down to 42 degrees. During the whole summer, there were only three days without rain, so that they came home dead-tired and drenched through. Of course, they have no Sunday, and no divine service. They are always under strict control. The workmen's legs are full of sores and being so ill-fed, the sores will not heal.

"These are only a few instances of their sufferings, but it nearly breaks our hearts. They beg us to pray for them that they may be given grace not to faint under their burdens, but rather to endure unto the end. Oh! let us ask the Lord to shorten the days of their sufferings—according to His promise, for His elect's sake.

"Let us pray and cry to the Lord for them. I know there is power in prayer, and they are sure to realize it, when we bind ourselves together to call on the Lord with our whole heart in their behalf."—

A life marked by daily answer to prayer is proof of true abiding in Christ.

—*A Murray.*

NUCLEUS OF THE SOVIET PHILOSOPHY

Compiled by Mr. Dobrinin
from Prof. Berdyaev's work

THE same principles underlie all kinds of socialism. Surely Bolshevism is its extreme development. Bolsheviks are now trying to establish some sort of philosophical background, and for this purpose they use "professional specialists."

First of all, Bolshevistic thinkers put forth all their efforts to create in people an absolute faith. Many Christians do not know such implicit trust in their confession as the Soviet people must have. The Christian's freedom of spirit has no place in Bolshevistic ideals. Bolsheviks are very much like Roman Catholics. There are no prominent, talented people among them. Individuals cannot find a place in their midst. Communistic thought is devoid of personality. From Dostoyevsky's works, it is important to remember: "We quench any genius in his early childhood." The philosophy of the Bolsheviks is collective. Theory must necessarily be combined with practice. After all, soviet philosophy is not philosophy in any sense of the word. It has no problems. Soviet philosophy is final theology. There is supposed to be some revelation—the authority of the Scripture, authority of the church, and of its teachers—and besides this, there is heresy. So it is with Bolshevism.

The only goal in Bolshevistic thought is Marxism-Leninism. In Soviet Russia, philosophical discussion is not open to free seeking of the truth. In searching after truth, there is no struggle between different points of view. It is only the discovery of heresy and the excommunication of those who adhere to it. Most of the old Marxist theory is condemned.

Individual criticism is not allowed, and only collective criticism is permitted. Sometimes errors of communists are revealed. They declare that they are not able to change their ideas in one day, and so they ask time to think over their convictions, in order to free them from any soviet work.

Arguments always come to this point, so and so, said Lenin, and so and so is written by Marx. Everything is accepted from these teachers in blind faith. The words of Lenin, that every one must have a head on his shoulders, now are forgotten. He was, at the time these words were spoken, an individualist, but now endorses the collective, which was created by him.

The most remarkable thing is that Stalin, who does not understand anything about philosophy, is directing the philosophy of the front line. It is supposed that Stalin is representing the collective. In this manner, soviet philosophy is proceeding according to the plan which denies individual thinking.

One cannot argue with Marxist-Leninists. If one objects to anything, he is already considered as a man of another class. Bolsheviks think, that the mystery of the proletariat is not apprehensible to outsiders. The truth of class, is the truth of the sect, and it becomes clear only to those who enter this circle. The new world and the man must be born to comprehend the truth of Bolshevism. They believe that the truth is found in Marxism, which has culminated. Communism, as an atheistic sect, has to be separated from its economical side.

Instead of standing before God, the communist stands before the central committee of his party. His conscience is defined by the social standards which exist. Such a position in society is creating charlatanism, in which all parties and sects are guilty. Sometimes he can be sincere. This is an interesting psychological problem.

According to paragraph 13 of the statutes of the communistic party, Bolsheviks are obliged to be atheists, and it is their duty to carry on anti-religious propaganda. In Sweden there was a communist named Hecklund, who endeavored to confirm that a communist can be a Christian and a believer—that religion was his private affair. This man was treated very badly by Russian communists.

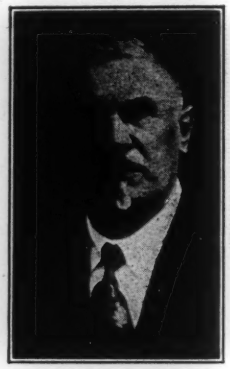
As to the religious persecutions, it is curious that sectarians (mostly evangelicals) are considered more dangerous than Greek Orthodox church people. Atheists think that the Russian Orthodox Church is unchangeable, passive, a superstitious form of Christianity, and as such, it can be easily subdued. But sectarianism is a perfected form of Christianity, less reactionary to socialism. Sectarians are much more active than the Greek Orthodox. Sometimes sectarians are communists, but they cunningly weaken the laboring class. They are a more cultured and better armed enemy. "Popes" without priests' garb are considered more dangerous in comparison with the professional clergy. Therefore,

Bolsheviks are more tolerant of the official Russian Church clergy, but they deny sectarians any right for existence on soviet territory. You may speak a little about God in temples which are still left, during the service, but outside the temples no one is permitted to mention the name of God. Nothing is more hateful to Marxist-Leninists than any efforts to combine Christianity with socialism and communism.

Bolsheviks fail to build anything economically, but they are very busy and sometimes are successful in perverting the psychology of the mob, which is most threatening. The results of communistic economy are not as destructive physically as they are spiritually.

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS

By A. Przeorski



A. Przeorski

I send back the vouchers for means received for September and October, with my heartiest thanks.

From time to time, I receive news that the magazine is being made a blessing to souls. In the beginning of this ministry, I sent a few sample copies to different ones, from some of whom I did not receive any answer. I stopped sending, and now, after three years time, one man writes me a long letter, in which he tells me that the magazine made a deep impression on him. He asks me to send him the magazine and to receive him into the congregation of believers. I sent him the magazine and advised him to go to the nearest of our meeting places.

In the sanatorium a 17-year-old girl is dying of consumption. She knows that she must die. Once, in a time of great suffering and depression, the thought came to her that perhaps the Lord was trying to draw her nearer to Himself, but she was not sure whether this thought came from God or not, so it did not help her much. You can imagine what blessing she received from some numbers of my magazine, when she read McConkey's "Chastening" and "The Ministry of Suffering," which have been translated into the Polish language.

A brother, who is a colporteur for the British Bible Society in Krakow, writes that he obtained rich blessing through the translation of McConkey's "The Highway of Guidance," and my notes on the 13th chapter of Matthew. A priest of the Polish National Catholic Church wrote me that he is reading the magazine with total approval of its contents, and he asked for more information. Of course, he does not, as yet, understand many things.

In November 1929 I sent two sample numbers of the magazine to a brother in the Lutheran Church, but he paid no attention to them. Now he writes me that he has read the copies I sent him, and has seen that they contain very valuable material. He ordered the magazine, and asked me to send him all the numbers since it was first printed.

Because of the existing crisis, many refuse the magazine and others write that they want to read it, but are not able to pay the subscription price. There remains only one possibility, to send the magazine entirely free.

I send to you my hearty Christian greetings, with the hope that the Lord will help, and that you will stand with me in prayer.

THE GOSPEL WORK IN BULGARIA

By Paul L. Mishkoff

WE WOULD like our friends to know how God has been blessing us. He has graciously answered the unceasing prayers in behalf of this most needy field—for workers, for Scriptures and tracts, and for means to carry on the work.

Though the activities of our Bulgarian Gospel Mission on the field are only about eleven years old, good results are seen. Men trained and experienced and zealous in spreading the Gospel have united with us. There has been much fruit on the field. Souls are being saved. Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture portions are being distributed among these hungry people.

Over 700,000 refugees (Macedonians, Russians,

Armenians, and Thracians) live in the country of our field, and our workers are glad to have the opportunity to point out to them the way of salvation. The time is most opportune for reaching them. Pray for a much greater number of workers, so that the progress of the gospel shall not be hindered. Consider how deplorable this condition is, where the people are being aroused spiritually as they have not been for centuries. A wider spreading of the Word has been found impossible because of lack of funds. The hunger for the Word of God is great, and one of our workers writes that insistent requests for Scriptures and spiritual help are continually coming from the villages. On the other hand, infidelity may gain a great hold, because the people are turning away from the Greek Orthodox church. Now is the time to reach them with the spoken and written Word.

What I have in faith foreseen and what I have prayed for, has actually come to pass. God has given us the opportunity to evangelize these spiritually hungry people. God is working by His Spirit, and all that remains for us to do is to continue the work with all our energy. These opportunities are untold. These souls must not be neglected when they can so easily be reached.

Bulgaria is in a state of transition. Education is being pressed forward, but very little attention is being paid to the moral and religious needs of the young. The wave of materialism which is passing over the world, has not spared Bulgaria, and the cinematograph acts as its best propagandist. The worst of French and Italian novels and a flood of obscene literature complete the devastation. All this sufficiently marks the depth of the ignorance of true Christianity, and the lack of discipline among the young people of both sexes.

Nominal Christianity is often itself so corrupt that it is utterly incapable of dealing with the situation. Frantic efforts are being made to combat the sects, which are growing stronger every day, and to attract the people by means of culture and music and art—anything but the plain preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

All this forms a dark picture, but, thank God, there are signs of revival. Here and there are priests who are striving after better things. There is the beginning of a revival, and groups of believers are springing up, keen on a life of holiness and purity. To the poor the Gospel is preached, even if for the present the educated classes are largely untouched.

We have been conducting an evangelistic campaign with wonderful results. Everywhere the story has been the same. The largest halls and public buildings have been offered, and all meetings have been attended by crowds which often could not be fully accommodated, the interest being so intense that it was hard to get the people to disperse, especially as the visits drew to a close.

In Kovatchtza the people simply would not let me leave at the end of the meetings, but constrained me to remain longer and continue the meetings. We had a wonderful time at Razgrad-Mahala. The meetings were of an evangelistic character. The large hall was packed. The Master's presence was with us in a marked manner. In Rila it was said that even the best political speakers had not drawn such crowds for one speech as had regularly attended our evangelistic meetings. In Stob I spoke in an open air meeting from the balcony of the priest's house, and the mayor said, "We must take the Bible into our hearts if we are anxious to see Bulgaria saved." In Kocherinovo we distributed hundreds of tracts and Gospels. In Ihtiman the hall was packed to the doors with people who were hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life and the Water of Life. In Gabrovo we had a crowded hall and close attention. A man of the Orthodox Church gave me money for twenty-five Testaments to be distributed to the poorest of the people. They paid all my expenses from Sophia to Gabrovo and return. In Lom the large hall was freely offered. Hundreds experienced a desire to lead a pure Christian life.

We have seen souls coming to Christ Jesus. Men and women have promised to lead Christian lives according to God's Word. One man stopped me in the street the other day and said, "Oh, how nice it was yesterday!" I asked him what he meant. He replied, "The meeting! The Word of salvation that you spoke to us! We have learned to love Jesus Christ." Our work among the children is especially good, as the children carry the fire into their own homes.

Our monthly magazine, "Douhovna Obnova" (Spiritual Renewal) is undoubtedly doing a great work. It enters 5238 homes. It goes to hundreds

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Suggestions for Prayer Groups

Pastor O. R. Palmer, of Berachah Church, has presented the Fellowship with one thousand copies of this leaflet, which we print below. We commend it joyfully to our prayer group leaders and individual intercessors for thorough study and prayerful distribution. Far-reaching and unlimited are the possibilities for the triumph of the Church of Christ in this crisis hour, if the truths in this message are entered into and turned into real living and Holy Ghost praying. For postage, we shall fill any orders as long as the supply permits. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." (Romans 8:37)

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIANS AND PRAYER GROUPS

and for all who realize we are facing conditions predicted for the "last days" (II Tim. 3: 1) and, knowing this, desire to enter into real prayer warfare.

> "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6: 11–12).

The conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent (Gen. 3: 15), between good and evil, between light and darkness, has been in the world and has continued from the very beginning, but the present time is a critical one in world events.

Thrones are crumbling to the dust; nations are changing and shifting; iron and clay will not mix; the masses are rising against the classes; nations are preparing for world conflict; and war is being declared against God and all that is sacred to human hearts.

Satan is preparing the world for conditions like unto the days of Noah and Lot, and for the revelation of his superman, the Antichrist.

We are told that in the days of God's ancient people:

"The children of Issachar had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chron. 12: 32).

This tribe was the *intelligence department* of the armies of Israel. It understood conditions and knew how they should be met, being eyes, ears, and understanding for the other tribes.

Every army, to be successful in modern warfare, must have its *intelligence department* or secret service—men quick to discern every move of the enemy and to checkmate his efforts. This enables the general in command to prepare for hostile attacks, or to advance against the enemy's lines at the right moment.

The church of God needs an *intelligence department* also and, may we say, secret service—those who know to pray much and talk little, for talking fritters away spiritual power.

This intelligence department of praying warriors must be "quick of scent in the fear of the Lord," keen to observe and to checkmate the tactics of the enemy. They must have eyes and ears for the whole body of Christ; they must "stand," "withstand," and "having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6: 10–18). Being on the firing line, they must be strong, courageous, and refuse to be driven by the forces of darkness.

The Battle and the Battle Ground

A successful general must thoroughly understand the battle-field, the nature, number, ways, and wiles of opposing forces.

He must have hearty cooperation and support from all his subordinate officers.

He must have the confidence and support of the rank and file of all in the army, for anything less than this will weaken and tend to defeat.

He must watch every maneuver of the enemy for position or advance, stubbornly defend his lines, throw in reinforcements where pressure is the greatest, and advance against the foes when conditions are favorable, that he may defeat and drive from the field the opposing army.

Spiritual battles are on similar lines, though we war against *unseen foes* in the *heavenlies*, rather

than earthly foes of "flesh and blood" (Eph. 6: 12). Our warfare is both offensive and defensive. We need to know the battle-field, clearly to understand who and what our foes are, to defend our lines, to reinforce weak places, and to advance against the enemy whenever possible.

In doing this, we are not to overrate the forces of darkness, knowing they have been defeated by Christ at Calvary (Col. 2: 14–15). On the other hand, we are not to underrate them, for they are many, powerful, deceitful, and more dangerous because unseen.

We are to move forward unitedly, the "two or three" of prayer (Matt. 18: 18–20) "of one *accord*" (Act. 1: 14), for *spiritual agreement is necessary* for *answered prayer*.

If our spiritual warfare is to be effective, the enemy's purpose and tactics must be thoroughly understood by spiritual discernment. His every move must be seen, met, and thwarted by *intelligent, focused prayer*. We are not to center our eyes upon people and things, but to direct our prayers against the forces which are behind them. People and things are but pawns in the hands of our enemy.

Spiritual weapons alone can either *avail* or *prevail* in spiritual warfare (II Cor. 10: 3–5). Our Lord has taught us how we may be on praying, victorious ground (Eph. 2: 6), but to war in the flesh or to descend into earthly ways, using carnal weapons, only means defeat. We can never take the prey from the hands of the terrible one except in God's way.

The battle once entered into must be continued, and pressed to a finish, with faith in ultimate victory, for we are joined to Christ and stand with Him for the spoils of Calvary (Matt. 12: 29; Rev. 12: 11; Joshua 6). Our victorious Lord works as we pray in His name (John 14: 12–14).

Victory Past and Victory Present

Our Lord Jesus won the victory over the hosts of darkness at Calvary (John 12: 31; Col. 2: 15). The *dominion* of the "prince of this world" has been broken and he is now judged. The Holy Spirit came to convince the world of Satan's judgment and defeat (John 16: 11).

Our Lord carried the church, which is His body, into this victory. He makes it real through our identification with Him in His death and burial, signifying our death and burial to sin and the old Adamic life (Romans 6). This frees the Holy Spirit to impart to us the resurrection life and power of our risen, enthroned Christ. We enter into this by faith and obedience. Having done this, our part is to range ourselves entirely on the Lord's side and to begin to "resist the devil" (James 4: 7). This resistance must be in the victory of Calvary and by the power of the indwelling Spirit, and not by self-effort. Apart from this, our prayer life will be weak, ineffective, our best efforts frustrated, and our wills paralyzed. Here lies the difference between bondage and defeat in the natural life, and glorious victory and power in Christ Jesus.

Our battle is one of faith in what *Christ has wrought for us* and what the *Holy Spirit will do* in and through us *apart from "dead works." We serve the living God*. "It is God which worketh in you" (Phil. 2: 13), and who can hinder Him? Let us return to Calvary and what it means to be joined to our Lord in His jurisdiction over all things in heaven and in earth.

God's ways are perfect, His weapons mighty, His power supreme. All this is at our disposal as we walk with Him. The walls of Jericho may still be leveled (Joshua 6) and Amalek overthrown (Ex. 17).

It is to the glory of God to cause us to *triumph in Christ* and to make known the savor of His knowledge in every place (II Cor. 2: 14).

Let us rejoice together that the Holy Spirit is still in the world and, as our Leader and Commander, He will remain until the church of God is completed and taken to be with our Lord forever. God is working amidst the darkness and confusion of our day. "The Lord sitteth on the flood," and is not at all dismayed by present conditions. May the Church see His purpose in Christ Jesus and cooperate fully with Him!

As individual intercessors, or as groups gathered together in prayer, may we seek for clear discernment of the battle-ground and the enemy, "praying in the Holy Ghost."

Focus praying, not on people and things, but *on the enemy*. Satan will seek to get God's people looking at one another, or at circumstances, so that they will not see his hosts and center their praying on unseen forces, where it will be effective.

Cover Christians with prayer who are on the

firing line, for the "enemy" seeks to wear out the saints, even with good works. He will discourage and depress, if possible, and thus keep his lines intact.

Watch the battle as it passes from one stage to another, and *pray intelligently.* Real prayer warfare does not "beat the air" nor "fight uncertainly."

It is to the glory of God that our prayers be answered. The Lord Jesus has chosen and ordained us that we should represent Him in intercession, and all the promises of God are made real through us to the glory of God. Therefore, (John 14: 13, John 15: 14, II Cor. 1: 24).

"*Continue* in prayer," until you pray through to victory.

The pressing circumstances through which even now we are passing, may become the pivot on which our Lord will cause His battle to turn, His revival fires to burn, and His triumph over His foes and ours to be made complete.

THE GOSPEL WORK IN BULGARIA

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of villages that are never visited by a preacher, and is valued by a multitude of readers. Copies that are sent to the villages are often read aloud at the village cafés and passed from hand to hand. If we had $50 monthly, we could send the magazine to 5000 new addresses, which we have at hand.

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This is our aim, that the Word of God—in printed form and by word of preaching—may have the widest circulation possible. Our spirits agonize to bring spiritual things to pass. We are doing with our might what our hands find to do, and we ask God to make us a power, in His wisdom and strength, for accomplishing His high purposes. We heed the maxim of John Wesley, who said, "To gain knowledge is good, but to save souls is better." We are trying to be true toilers in this particular part of God's harvest field. We pray that God will make this land a happy part of His own Kingdom of righteousness and peace. Will you stand behind us with your prayers and practical help? We voice Macedonia's own need. We are desirous of associating YOU with this work, which, in ten years, has been used to distribute the Word of God in a needy land strategically situated at the very cross-roads of Europe. Please pray for Bulgaria!

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"There is every indication that torpedo attack by aircraft may reach a point where the very existence of opposing fleets consisting of giant capital ships may be jeopardized. War must be carried into the enemy's country, his industries destroyed, his nerve centers shattered and the morale of the nation as a whole, shaken. This can largely and increasingly be effected by air attack on industrial and political centers."

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